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Pamplin

Mr. and Mrs. Divalo Garrette and daughter, Peggy, accompanied by Miss Linda Gilliam, of Lynchburg, left Sunday for a week's vacation at Buckroe Beach where they will be joined by friends.

Mr. and Mrs Wesley Hamlett, James and Patricia motored to Newport News Sunday morning where they will spend a portion of their vacation with Mr. Hamlett's sister.

Billy Star Brightwell is spending this week at "Camp Pimrek Dell" in Appomattox County.

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Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Roach, Mr. and Mrs. Genyle Pautz and little son, Darryle, all from Vinton, Va., and Mr and Mrs. Junior Blackwell and son, James Allen, were week end guests of Mrs. Greene Garrette.

Mrs. Charles Ramsey went by plane to New Orleans, La. Sunday to spend a few days with her husband there. They plan to be here next week end. Jane Rene, Vicky and Andy will remain here with their grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. C. H. McCall.

Sunday callers in the McCall home were Mr. and Mrs Elmo Lee Douglas Jamerson and Bill Ramsey. Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Duling visited in this same home Thursday night.

Mr. Tom Jennell, from Dayton, Ohio, was Friday overnight guest of his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Z. T. Morris.

C. V. Clayton, Jr. is now employed in Danville by the Womack Electronic Supply Co. He began there Monday, Aug. 2 and is enjoying his work.

Mrs. C. W. Slayton spent the week end visiting relatives in Chatham, Callands and Pen Hook, Va. Her son, C. W., joined her there.

Monday callers in Mrs Slayton's home were her two sisters-in-laws, Mrs. Sallie Holley and Mrs. Virgie Suits, of Danville.

Miss Judy Ramsey spent a few days with Miss Janice Price last week.

Barry Beale has accepted a position with the "General Electric Company in Lynchburg. He went to work Monday, August 3 and likes his work fine.

Mr. and Mrs. Norris Beale, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Beale, Karen and Lynn, all of Lynchburg, and Miss Catherine Richardson, of Appomattox, were luncheon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Beale, Saturday.

Mrs W. M. Black and Miss Mary Rives Black went to Richmond Monday morning. They will be visiting relatives there for a few days this week.

Linda Ray Williamson is spending some time here with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Dickerson. Saturday, they went to Buggs Island and were joined there by their son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Braxton Dickerson, of Portsmouth, and Mr. and Mrs. George A. Williamson of Lynchburg, and all enjoyed a picnic lunch and a delightful day together.

Mrs. Dorothy Canada and son, Randy, spent the week in Ashland visiting her cousin and family, Mr. and Mrs. T. Edward Gilman.

Recent visitors of Mrs. J. W.D. Canada were Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Buscemi, of Richmond.

Dr. Newton Jefferson, of Riverside, Calif., called in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Cunningham Monday en route to Canada.

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Pastor Speaks

Background Scripture: Numbers 11 through 14.
Devotional Reading: Hebrews 3: 12-19.

Faith On Trial

Lesson for August 16, 1964

Writer's Final Word

Taking up the pen to write this article for the Times-Virginian, I find a note of sadness in my heart. The many readers have been so gracious in their response, and I know I have many unseen friends.

Through this medium for the past two or more years you have made it possible for me to express some of my views, and attitudes about life and religion. The many expressions, from you have enriched my life. You have been gracious to write me from time to time.

To Mr. Lloyd Vaughan, the Owner-Publisher, let me say "Thank you". Your willingness to allow me to express my thoughts and emotions unsensured, leaves a warm spirit in my heart for your paper. I am digesting it each week.

To you, the reader, many whom I have never known, I feel a close tie in the fellowship of the Christian community. Many stopped me on their streets of Appomattox to share your appreciation of the articles. You indicated your interest in a paper that includes religious thoughts. For your letters, and calls, I shall always be grateful.

We are well settled and at work here at the First Baptist Church, Hasting, Fla. Though we miss the friendships of Appomattox, we are finding new friends here in this small but lovely town, which boasts of the 'Potato Capitol' of Florida.

Come to see us. "The peace of God be with you." It is our hope and plan to be back next summer as you celebrate the 100 year history of the "Gentleman's Peace" by Lee and Grant.

O. D. Moore
First Baptist Church
Hastings, Fla.

They were not Boy Scouts, those famous spies Moses sent ahead into Canaan before he undertook to invade the country. We all know about spies nowadays and what they do. Moses' spies, like those of modern times, had one main object: to look at the enemy's defenses and estimate their war strength. These spies would not travel under cover of darkness, and they had no U-2's to help them. They had to look at everything from the ground level. They would probably be dressed like Egyptians and speak Egyptian. On the streets of cities in Palestine Egyptian salesmen were familiar figures, so these twelve men had no trouble getting in to Canaan or getting out again.

The Grasshopper Mind

But what they saw! Great high thick walls around every city; tall strong men, prosperity and power everywhere. The twelve men were unanimous on one point: Canaan was a beautiful and fertile land, and well worth taking if they could ....

If they could! That was where the Intelligence Department split. Big cities, yes; rich country, strong people, yes. But can we win in a war? Ten men said, No. Joshua and Caleb said, Yes. What the majority said is remarkable. "We were as grasshoppers in our sight, and so we were in their sight." This kind of thinking is called nowadays an inferiority complex, but we can just as well call it the grasshopper mind. If you think of yourself as a grasshopper, it is pretty certain that no one else is going to mark up the cheap price mark you have put on yourself. Those Hebrews had come out of generations of undernourishment and hardship, and were no doubt little undersized people compared with the big bold Canaanites. So the Ten said, "We'll never make it; while only two men had resisted the grasshopperism of their ten companions.

They Left God Out

This was not the first time, nor the last, that a majority has been wrong. You can't find out what is right, you cannot have reliable information about prices, get facts or future policies, by simply counting noses. Fifty million Frenchmen can be wrong, smashingly wrong. The majority report may be the signpost on the road to ruin. Now when a majority is wrong, there is always a reason for it somewhere. The reason is plain in this case. The reader will notice that the ten No-sayers said only "we are not able . . . they are stronger than we." The two Yes-sayers said, "The Lord is with us; do not fear them." Now all Israel professed to believe in God. It had not been long since they made that covenant with God at Mt. Ebal. But when it came to a pinch, the ten grasshopper men forgot all about God.

Unfaith Is Expensive

Both faith and unfaith are expensive. The tribesmen to whom the committee of spies reported chose the way of unfaith and they were 35 years paying for it. Now the way of faith is expensive too, but in another way. Unfaith costs success, happiness, honor, and ends in dismal failure. Faith costs the effort, sometimes a heroic effort, to live by it — a faith you cannot live by and fight for is no true faith. But it wins the approval of God in the end. Faith is like a power-tool. A good one may be expensive; but you do not save by taking a cheap one instead. "Quality remains after the price is forgotten." Pay for faith or unfaith you must; but in the long run you will wish (as the Israelites dying in the wilderness no doubt wished many a time) that you had chosen the way of faith. Yet this too is costly; cheap faith is not faith at all. God approves men of courage like Joshua and Caleb; but he does not reward such men by making life easy for them. Odd as it may seem, it is God's way to make faith hard for believers.

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Liberty Chapel

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Garrette were dinner guest last Sunday of Mrs. Mary Fannie Phelps.

Mr. and Mrs Doc Harris have returned home after a week's vacation in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Morgan and Mrs. Paul Thornhill visited with relatives at Wyllieburg Sunday.

M. H. Carter spent several days in Roanoke last week with relatives.

They spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Carson. On Wednesday they visited Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Carson attended the reunion of the family of the late Henry Clay Turner at Hollywood Baptist Church, Sunday.

Patrick Lair, Jr. spent the week end at Virginia Beach.

Michael Lair, who had been stationed in Norfolk, has been sent to the Caribbean for three weeks.

Mrs. P. H. Lair entertained with a birthday party for her son, Matt, Thursday. Matt received many gifts, but his biggest surprise came when he received from his parents, a monkey, "Hobo", which was flown in from Miami.

Mrs. James Guild and three children, of Mechanic, will visit in the home of her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Sears.

Lt. Ronald Coleman, of Oceana, and Mrs. Coleman, of East Tennessee State University spent last week end with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Glover and children, of Huntsville, Ala spent last week with his mother, Mrs. Agea Glover.

Recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Gilliland were Mr. Gilliland's mother and sister-in-law, Mrs. G. L. Gilliland and Mrs. Francis Haines, of Yazoo, Miss.

Mr. R. H. Gray, Sr. had as his guest last week Mr. George Tyler and his wife, Dr. Tyler, of New York, N.Y. Mr. Gray entertained Tuesday night in honor of them.

A surprise birthday dinner was given by Mr. R. H. Gray, Sr. Friday night for his son, R. H. Gray, Jr.

Mrs. R. H. Gray, Jr. and Mrs. H. P. Lair entertained Saturday night with a buffet supper at the Lair home honoring Mr. R. H. Gray Jr. for his birthday. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Billy Watkins, Mr. and Mrs R. E. Fore, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. R Glenn, all of Farmville; Mr. and Mrs. Anderson Coleman, of Prospect; Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Farrar, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Fore, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. John Hix.

Hixburg

Miss Carrie Hix is suffering from a severe case of laryngitis. Her many friends wish for her a speedy recovery.

Jane Hix fell from a horse recently and broke her wrist.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Shuping, and children, Carol, Sheila, and J., of Colombia, S.C., sepnt last week with Mrs. Shubin's mother, Mrs. Flossie Irving.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Irving and children, Linda Gale and Jill, of Miami Beach, Florida, arrived Wednesday to visit, Mr. Irving's mother, Mrs. Flossie Irving. Mrs Irving and Jill left Thursday for Salsburg, N.C. Mr. Irving and Gail remained for the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Ebert and children, Dale, Keith and Bryant, of Cleveland, Ohio, have been visiting Mrs. Ebert's grand mother, Mrs. Waller Bryant.

Stoney

Mr. John Barnes, Phil are on a trip West Virginia.

Mr. and Mrs. Becky and Mrs. Roanoke visited Mrs. Layton Bailey Edward Davidson home after a week his aunt.

Mrs. Claude Tyree two weeks while he away at camp.

Mr. and Mrs. Brad and Linda are spending parent's, Mr. and Bondurant.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie and Tim with Mr. and Mrs. and family.

Hebron Revival night with fine attendance night.

Mr. and Mrs. L have two of their children with them; Richmond; and Bob Lynchburg.

Mrs. Tilden Lee day dinner for her day. Those present were Mrs. Wayne Lee and Mrs. Earl Jones and Miss Barbara wishes for Tilden to celebrate many more.

Mrs. Andrew Lee mother, Mrs. Ashby for a visit.

The Hebron Church well attended Sunday and had some visitors.

Mrs. Ida Strader guest Mrs. Bessie Walker.

The Stoneyard Station Club at Lynchburg, spent part of with Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Mrs. John Alvis attended the graduation cises at Lourenzo urday. Betty Jane degree and will be for Quantic, Va where improved.

Mrs. Marvin Tilden turned from the hospital improved.

Gladstone

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Haggerty, of Scranton, Pa., have returned after a visit with Mr. and Mrs E. R. Larkew.

Mr. and Mrs. James Sites and J. I. Quinn are spending several days in Blackburg, Mrs. Sites and Mrs. Quinn are attending a Masonic School at VPI.

This is a great experience for any young person. This included worship, discussion, groups, interest groups, recreation and many other groups. There were young people from eight or more denominations. Our theme for the week was Sons for a Small Planet which dealt with religion and science. Communion Services were held Saturday night by Rev. W. C. Blevins, a Methodist from Arlington. The group attended different churches in the Harrisonburg area. I had the pleasure of attending the Chicago Avenue Mennonite Church. The camp closed at 1:30 on Sunday.

Correction: David and Dougie Peterson, of Richmond, spent their vacation with Mrs. Mary Sizemore.

Mrs. W. E. Akers is a patient in the Virginia Baptist Hospital.

Miss Ruth C. Hesson is a patient in Medical College of Virginia Hospital at Richmond.

Charles Evans is visiting his aunt, Mrs. J. W Wright.

Mrs. Virginia Brown and Mrs. Irma Taylor and Mr. and Mrs. Julian Banton will leave Saturday for a trip to the World's Fair.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Coleman and Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Harris have returned from a vacation in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stanley, Jr. and Wayne visited Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Sperry, of Appomattox, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Thornhill and Ralph Stanley visited Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Spencer, Jr. in Arrington Sunday.

Keys and Caroline, of near Evergreen, Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Martin and family attended homecoming at Sharon Church in Buckingham Sunday.

Ronnie Richardson spent last week with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Richardson.

Mrs. Lloyd Richardson and Michael Scott returned home from the hospital Friday.

Mrs. Louise Price, of Kingsport, Tenn., spent last week with her mother, Mrs. Rosa Marks and sister, Mrs. Edward Ransom.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roach were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Almond, of Appomattox, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Childress were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Junior Blackwell at Pamplin Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Frank Ransom, Catherine, Grace and Jimmie attended a reunion at the home of Mrs. Estelle Holt, of Aspen, recently.

Mrs. W. R. Moore and father, A. T. Anderson, and Mrs. Frank Dinkins attended a reunion in South west Virginia over the week end.

Mrs. Mildred Inge returned home Sunday after spending last week in Farmville.

Mr. and Mrs. Toby Inge and family and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn McIntosh and daughters returned home Sunday after being on vacation last week.

A large crowd was out for the beginning of revivals by Rev. R. E. McDowell brought a fine message.

Piney Ridge

'O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!' Psalms 95:6.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mathis spent last week with Mrs. Rosser Baldwin and Mrs. Roscoe Fulton, of Danville.

Those visiting Mr. Mason in the Sizemore Convalescent Home during the week were Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Keesee, Mr. and Mrs. Ottie Rorland and his mother, all of Grena.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Mays and Clinton Arrington are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Arrington, of Ellicott City, Md.

Mrs. Clara Clements spent from Tuesday to Thursday with her sister, Mrs. Kate Kuntz, of Lynchburg. On her return home she called in the home of her sister, from Concord, Mrs. E. H. Tibbs.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tolley during the week end over the week end were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Tolley and daughter, Connie, Francis, of Richmond; Mr. and Mrs. Neil Chenault and daughter, Terri, of Prospect; Mr. and Mrs Earl Tolley, of Farmville; and Mrs. Eva Gull and daughter, Sharon Kay, of Appomattox.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Webber over the week end were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Webber and two children, Debbie and Sammy, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Webber and Mrs. Lawrence Webber.

Henry Webber represented Piney Ridge Church at the Virginia UCYM Summer Conference from August 3— 9 at Camp Massanetta, Massanetta Springs, Harrisonburg, Va. There were 60 some young people from all over Virginia plus one from Maryland and West Virginia.

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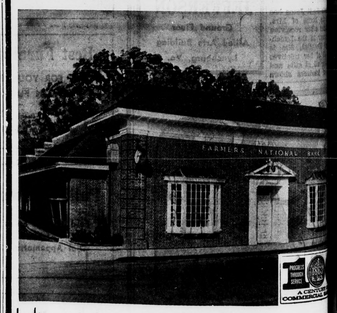

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